

SENATE BILL 4159

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AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated,  
Title 41, Chapter 1, Part 1, relative to  
transfer of department of correction  
inmates to local confinement for  
participation in local pre-release programs.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 41, Chapter 1, Part 1, is amended by  
adding a new section thereto, as follows:

Section 41-1-1\_\_.

(a) The commissioner is authorized to enter into agreements with local  
governmental entities for the transfer of appropriate department of correction  
inmates to confinement in a local facility to participate in local pre-release  
programs. Participation by any county in such a program is voluntary.

(b) No inmate shall be considered for transfer under an agreement  
authorized by this section unless expiration of the inmate's sentence is  
anticipated to occur within one year after such transfer, or unless the inmate has  
been recommended for release on parole by the board of probation and parole.

(c) The transfer of a department of correction inmate to physical  
custody in a local facility under this section does not operate to reinvest the trial  
court with jurisdiction over the manner of the inmate's sentence service. An  
inmate transferred under this section will be removed from the program and  
returned to the physical custody of the department at the sole discretion of the  
department.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect upon becoming a law, the public welfare requiring  
it.